

### STATE OF MAINE BUREAU OF GENERAL SERVICES

# Architect / Engineer Procurement Process

The standard procurement process of Architect and Engineer design services for public improvements is a Qualification Based Selection (QBS) process per statute (Title 5, §1742 subs. 6), described briefly here.

- 1.) The advertisement of this Request for Qualifications is the initial step in the process after the Agency assures that the project itself approved and funded. A clear scope of services statement is an essential component of the advertisement.
- 2.) Interested firms respond to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as described below, submitting the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications to the Selection Committee.
- 3.) The Selection Committee screens all submissions and invites the most qualified firms to interview for the project, typically three to five firms.
- 4.) The Selection Committee interviews the firms.
- 5.) The Selection Committee ranks all of the interviewed firms. The Committee negotiates an agreement with the highest ranked firm based on the scope of professional services identified in the RFQ and interview.
- 6.) A BGS Professional Services Agreement is drafted.
- 7.) An insurance certificate and approved agreement is required before work commences.



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#### Notice to Architects and Engineers Request for Qualifications

The Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management (DVEM) wishes to procure architectural/engineering services for the fYdUJf cZh YBi [X]b[ 7 (JFHQ) Annex HVAC System in Augusta, Maine.

The scope of this project includes, but is not limited to, code compliance review, HVAC upgrades/repairs, electrical system upgrades (if required), energy conservation strategies, and conversion of the existing Building Automation System (BACS) to one based on the Tridium Niagara AX platform. The Building 7 Annex is a three story structure of approximately 22,968 square feet.

Responses to this RFQ should highlight the firm's recent completed HVAC system repair/upgrade experience with similar type facilities in a similar climate.

The initial contract award is for preliminary design; the Owner may elect to extend the scope of services to include further design and construction administration duties. The firm or firms may be required to coordinate this work or additional work with other consultants contracted by the Owner.

Interested firms should submit *five paper copies* and *one electronic copy* of a Letter of Interest with a Statement of Qualifications which includes the firm's:

- A. qualifications to undertake this project;
- B. experience with budgets and project cost control, estimated versus actual construction costs; C. list of projects that demonstrate the firm's capabilities (HVAC Upgrade/Repair, Energy Efficiency, Building Automation Control (BACS)).
- D. list of recently completed work of similar type and size projects, with client contact information for each project;
- E. profiles of key personnel who will be involved in the project;
- F. statement of current workload and ability to absorb the project;
- G. proximity to the project site relative to the ability to provide responsive service; and
- H. list of business references other than those listed above, including contact information.



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The paper copies of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent to Mr. Paul R.Lapointe Engineering Techncian IV, Camp Keyes-BLDG 8, 194 Winthrop Street, Augusta, Maine 04333-0033 to be received not later than **4:00** PM on **29 May 2015**. The *electronic copy* of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent as an attachment in an email addressed to <a href="mailto:paul.r.lapointe.nfg@mail.mi">paul.r.lapointe.nfg@mail.mi</a>l to meet the deadline noted above.

Firms responding will be screened and interviewed on the basis of qualifications only. Project fees and specific design solutions for this project will not be discussed at the interview. Specific program information will not be available before the screening of qualification packages. The selection committee will rank all firms and negotiate fees with the highest ranked firm.